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The Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Win the RHS Marching Eagles!

Here's your chance to win a special performance by the Romulus High School Marching Eagles!

Raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) will be available for sale during the High School's Parent-Teacher Conferences (set for Thursday, October 26), or from any Band Booster through November 1.

The holder of the winning ticket (to be drawn at Band-O-Rama) can choose to have the band perform at the location of his/her choice (within 20 miles of Romulus). Note: Winner must provide the band with at least one week's notice prior to the performance.

Contact Christina Lefler at 734-955-1662 or 734-776-3569.

Spooktacular Fun!

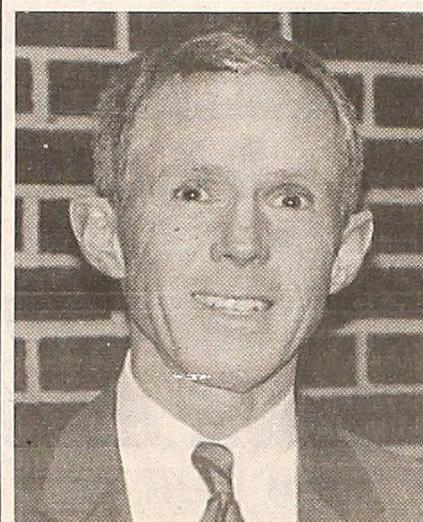
The second annual Spooktacular will be held on Friday, October 20, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (located at 10871 Quirk Road, near I-94 exit 190, in Belleville). The event will feature fun for all ages: a haunted barn, haunted hayrides, a petting zoo, pony rides, a car show, scary movies, contests, and much more.

For further information, please call 734-697-7002.

Cards for Soldiers

Postmaster Karen Hicks and her staff at the Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) are inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since many hospitals don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, the soldiers must call their family members and friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be purchased at the post office (\$10 for 100 minutes, \$20 for \$250 minutes, or \$30 for 450 minutes) or else-where. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more information, call 734-941-3439. □

District, Teachers Approve 3-year Contract



With the ratification of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the school district and the local teachers' union, new superintendent Carl J. Weiss is hopeful that both parties can continue to work collaboratively to meet the difficult financial times of the future.

A contract that was ratified by the Romulus Community Schools and the Romulus Education Association earlier this month has helped the district stave off (or at least postpone) a prospective budget crisis that could have led to significant cuts in educational programming in the near future.

The three-year collective bargaining agreement was reached after lengthy negotiations that began last spring.

According to Dick Kruse, the district's director of public relations, the new contract contains several unique provisions that recognize the current difficult economic times at both district and state levels.

They include:

First (Current) School Year

- a pay freeze (0% pay increase) for all teachers,
- a "step" freeze for all teachers on the first nine steps of the district's ten-step salary schedule, which equates one step with one year of service,
- a continuation of the current \$5/\$10 (generic/brand name) co-pay for prescription drugs.

Second School Year

- reinstatement of the step progression for teachers on the first nine steps of the salary schedule,
- an off-schedule payment equal to half of the previous step,

- a 3% pay increase for teachers on the tenth step, and
- establishment of a \$10/\$10 co-pay for prescription drugs.

Third School Year

- continuation of the step progression for teachers on the first nine steps,
- an off-schedule payment equal to the other half of the previous step,
- a 3% pay increase for teachers on the tenth step, and
- establishment of a \$10/\$20 co-pay for prescriptions.

Spokespersons for the district and the teachers' union acknowledged the spirit of compromise exhibited by each party.

"This agreement shows a commitment from both teachers and the Board of Education to do what is best for our school district," said superintendent Carl J. Weiss. "We all knew that compromises needed to be made in order to reach an agreement, and both sides worked very hard at negotiating those compromises."

"Putting negotiations behind us will allow both parties to continue to work collaboratively toward providing the best possible program for students during these difficult financial times," he added.

REA president Jason Salhaney also hopes for continued collaboration between the district and teachers.

"Both sides did what's best for the community," he stated. "Each gave up something in the spirit of compromise."

Salhaney expressed pride in the fact that teachers took the proverbial high road throughout the negotiations process, and unstintingly fulfilled their educational obligations to the children of Romulus despite the lack of a contract. He also noted that the teachers' willingness to make significant financial concessions clearly demonstrates their commitment.

"By accepting a contract that freezes both pay and step progression for 2006–2007, our teachers gave the district a savings of about \$850,000 for this year alone," said Salhaney. "This nearly unprecedented sacrifice on our part—which amounts to about \$3,600 per teacher—should give the district the reprieve that it needs to get the budget in order, assess the progress of the current Limited Schools of Choice program, and look into other possibilities for enhancing revenue, including the establishment of corporate sponsorships, business part-

nerships, and local education foundations. Options such as pay-to-play sports should be explored, too.

"Finally," he added, "we encourage the district to continue the process of going through the budget with a fine-tooth comb to find areas where money can be saved while still preserving the instructional integrity of our program."

Board of Education secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz complimented the teachers and the administration on their successful negotiation process.

"It was a truly cooperative endeavor," said Mientkiewicz. "The teachers recognized that our current financial situation necessitated compromise, and they did their part."

Mientkiewicz agreed with Salhaney that the district must continue to explore alternative sources of revenue.

"Now that the contract negotiations are behind us, we can begin holding study sessions about additional funding and budget priorities," he stated. "The district will be seeking input about these and other issues from both teachers and residents."

About 85% of the REA's 232-teacher membership voted on the proposed contract, which received approval from 87% of the voters, according to Salhaney.

The Board of Education granted its approval by a vote of 5–1, with trustee Thomas Kuderik as the sole dissenter. Treasurer Betty Lenossi was absent (excused). □

Bowling Event Aids Animal Shelter

On Saturday, November 18, Romulus Lanes (located at 37452 West Huron River Drive, just west of Five Points) will host a "Turkey Bonanza No-Tap" bowling event to benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter fund.

The event—which will begin with registration at 4:30 p.m., followed by bowling at 5 p.m.—will cost just \$25 per person/per event (handicap singles and doubles), and will feature prizes, door prizes, and pizza.

Space is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended. For more info, call Romulus Lanes at 734-941-6200. □

The Editor's Opinion

Students Benefit from All-around Support

by Kristi Stephens

We at *The Romulus News* tip our collective hat to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, administration, and teachers, as well as the citizens of Romulus, for banding together for the benefit of our children and our city.

When surrounding school districts and area charter schools bombarded district parents with recruitment ads, they took the time to do their homework, and came to the obvious conclusion: the best place for their children was right here at home. Romulus schools are unmatched in their technological facilities; have met accreditation requirements that are much more rigorous than those of most surrounding districts; and have won a truly stupendous number of awards for their innovative programs and outstanding teachers.

Although some district officials feared a net loss of more than 100 students (and their per-pupil State funding) for the current school year, they were pleasantly surprised by recent Official Count Day numbers, which showed a net gain of more than two

dozen students. Thanks to parents' support, the district will have the funding to maintain its current programs for 2006-2007, and that's good news for students and the community overall.

Just as important to our district's continued success has been the hard work and cooperative spirit exhibited by teachers, administrators, and Board members. Together, they have done their best to stretch our tax dollars to maintain educational programs at their present level.

Earlier this year, district officials combed over every portion of the budget, finding ways to cut a whopping \$3.1 million without significantly impacting most programs.

And, earlier this month, our teachers demonstrated their overwhelming commitment to the children of our community by agreeing to a new contract that called for major concessions, including a pay and salary step freeze for the current school year.

Our thanks to everyone for investing in our future. It's going to pay big dividends, I promise you. □

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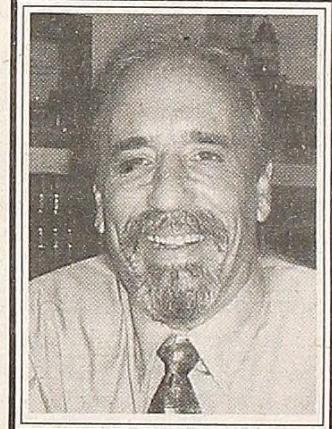
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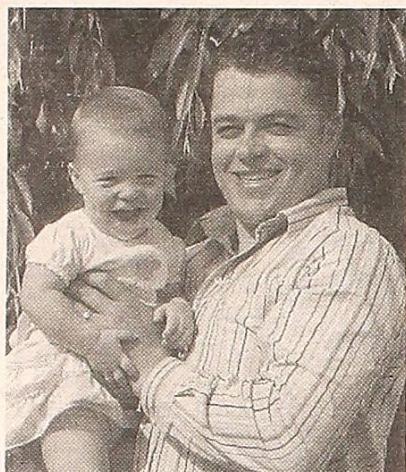


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Dr. Jeremy Shaft

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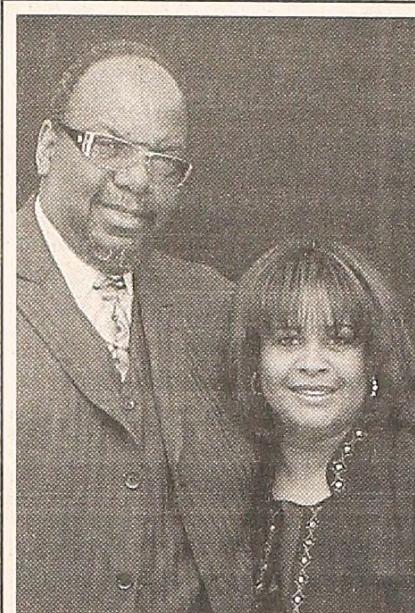
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Resale Shop's Greatest Treasures May Be Its Community-minded Owners



Reverend Richard P. and Tammi Wilson see their new resale shop, called Tammy's Vintage Treasure Corner, as an opportunity to help others.

By Rikki Strobos

When you step inside the new resale shop in downtown Romulus, you'll see many treasures, not the least of which is its owner, Tammi Wilson. Surrounded by a wide variety of goods that range from bargain-basement finds to exquisite fashions from yesteryear, she shines the brightest of all with her enthusiasm for both commerce and community.

When Tammi and her husband of the last four years, Reverend Richard P. Wilson, opened Tammy's Vintage Treasure Corner last May, they envisioned their store as more than just an opportunity to make a profit.

"Our primary goals are to establish a foundation for single mothers, and to help deserving families purchase new or slightly used clothing and household goods at an affordable price," Tammi said. "I was a single mother for more than two decades, and I know how hard it can be to raise a family on your own."

According to Tammi, one of the biggest problems faced by single women attempting to support their children is the vicious circle of trying to get a good-paying job when you can't afford the quality business attire that it requires.

"That's why one of my biggest priorities is helping these women obtain suitable, budget-stretching clothing that will allow them to enter the workforce and get their lives back on track," she said.

Tammi's own personal struggles, and the wisdom she gained from them, led her to establish SMOOTH: Single Mothers Overcoming Obstacles Through Healing. Since its inception, the support group has served as a mentoring and networking resource for many women in need, and has branched out in creative ways that are as interesting as they are unusual.

"When women come into the shop for the first time, many of them are drawn to return, again and again, by its warm, friendly atmosphere," she explained. "Over the past few months, we've attracted many 'regulars' who enjoy stopping by to share their company, their insight, and their talents with one another."

"Among those who have become such a wonderful resource," she continued, "is local author Jane E. Saylor, whose books include *The Road You've Traveled: How To Journal Your Life*. Saylor has begun using her self-help and motivational expertise to teach a writing class that helps women gain a greater understanding of themselves through chronicling their experiences."

Besides the writing class, Tammi's shop also plays host to special programs like fashion-show benefits and vintage tea parties for area Red Hat Society members. Such activities, she says, are an enjoyable way for women to help themselves and others.

Of course, Tammi hasn't lost sight of the fact that her Vintage Treasure Corner is first and foremost a business that caters not just to single mothers, but to a broad spectrum of men and women.

"We have clothing for every age and for all occasions: comfortable, affordable apparel for senior citizens, beautiful dress attire for special events like proms or formal parties, garments suitable for work and church, casual attire, and school clothes that will appeal to the younger set."

"We also have attractive accessories, gift items, knickknacks, household goods, and furnishings," she added.

Tammi also sees her store as a unique resource for certain community groups.

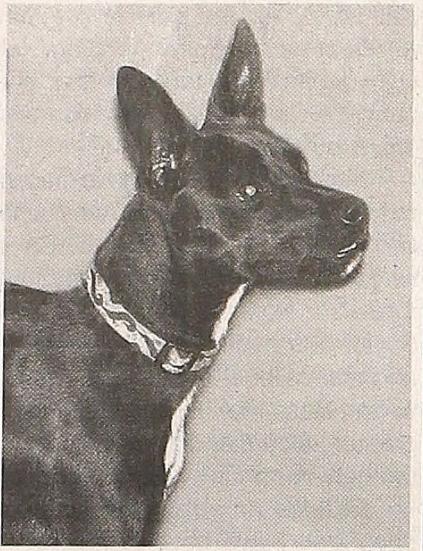
"For instance," she noted, "our beautiful selection of period clothing makes us the perfect one-stop costume shop for local theater groups and drama clubs."

A native Detroiter, Tammi attended Detroit's public schools through her high-school graduation in 1979, then went on to Madonna University to study social work. Her husband Richard, who is the minister of Detroit's Tried Stone Baptist Church, is involved in community outreach and revitalization through PATCH (People Aspiring To Create Hope), and has been invited to the White House on several occasions to speak about his work. Their blended family includes seven children: four of his and three of hers.

Tammy's Vintage Treasure Corner, located at 36608 Goddard Road, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 734-403-1905. □

Adopt a Pet

Furry Friends Need Happy Home



The Romulus Animal Shelter is seeking a loving family to adopt the black-and-white female terrier-Chihuahua mix that is pictured above. Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews says that the dog is about 1.5 to 2 years of age, and is already housebroken.

Also up for adoption is a pair of male guinea pigs: "Peanut" (pictured at right with two-year-old Andrew Eves) and "Jumbo." Both are "kid friendly," and

come with their own cage and various accessories.

The cost to take one of these sweet little bundles of fur home is just \$5 for the adoption fee, plus a \$25 neuter fee (refundable with proof of sterilization).

Stop in at the shelter, located on Goddard east of Wayne Road, during its regular business hours (weekdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.), or call 734-942-7591. □

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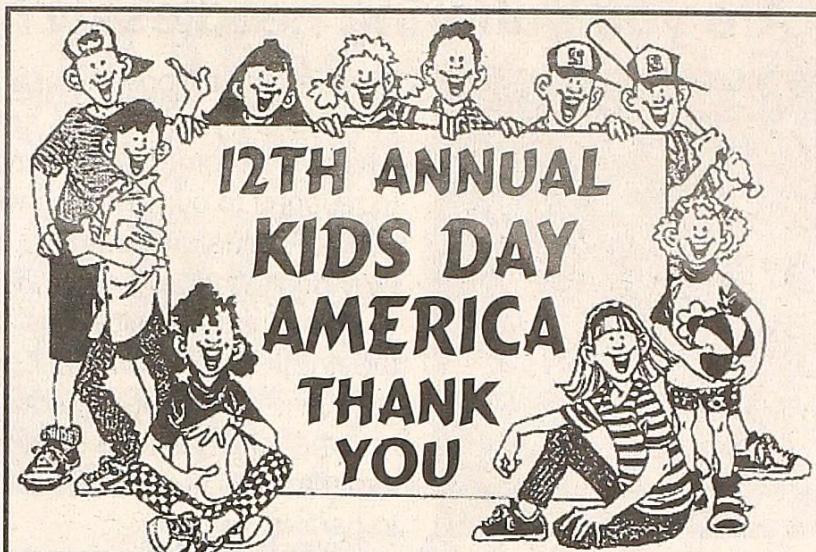
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Dr. Jeremy Shaft would like to thank everyone involved in making the Romulus Kids Day such a success! Children attending received FREE Child Safety ID Cards along with spinal and dental screenings. Over 100 children's families received important information on health, safety, and environmental awareness, while enjoying food, giveaways, prize drawings, and much more.

Dr. Shaft and True Health Chiropractic

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Dr. Jeremy Shaft (center) presented Children Empowerment Awards to Sheila Stasak and Mark Woodson (far left) at the 12th Annual Kids Day America celebration.



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GRAND OPENING
Wednesday, November 8
10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Friday, September 29, through Sunday, October 8.

(Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Friday, September 29

- 12:15 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 3:41 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 12:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 12900 Huron River Dr.)
- 12:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 29400 Eureka)
- 12:32 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9310 Chamberlain)
- 12:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Middlebelt)
- 12:34 p.m. – Threats (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 12:54 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9350 Chamberlain)
- 1:19 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6300 Carnegie)
- 4:20 p.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 5:01 p.m. Fraud Complaint (block of 6350 Colorado)
- 5:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5900 Colorado)
- 8:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35700 Beverly)
- 8:18 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 35700 Beverly)
- 8:25 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:29 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 37200 McBride)

Saturday, September 30

- 2:35 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 9:02 a.m. – Larceny (block of 13400 Inkster)
- 1:30 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 8050 Wayne)
- 4:44 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 6:34 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 9:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8280 Wayne)

Sunday, October 1

- 2:30 a.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 38700 Navajo)
- 8:44 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:01 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28700 Leroy)

- 10:48 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 32800 Gateway Dr.)
- 1:06 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 11200 Harrison)
- 1:55 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6730 Merriman)
- 2:02 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15800 Harrison)
- 2:35 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 11200 Harrison)
- 4:33 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6770 Merriman)
- 9:31 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7780 Merriman)

Sunday, October 2

- 1:49 a.m. – Threats (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 6:02 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28000 Wick)
- 8:16 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 11400 Wahrman)
- 8:47 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 9:14 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28400 Leroy)
- 9:42 a.m. – Threats (block of 7760 Cogswell)
- 9:53 a.m. – Fight (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:11 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:15 p.m. – UDAA (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 7:41 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35700 Beverly)
- 10:20 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6380 Fourth)
- 10:57 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 7320 Wayne)

Monday, October 3

- 2:39 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 10800 Adam)
- 3:56 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 7:22 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35000 Lynn)
- 8:16 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7970 Fallow Ct.)
- 12:39 p.m. – Medical Assistance (block of 6080 Chamberlain)
- 12:46 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9800 Inkster)
- 2:08 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 9270 Wayne)
- 2:16 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:16 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:25 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 5940 Crystal Lake Dr.)
- 5:10 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 36500 Goddard)

- 11:54 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 8230 Merriman)

Tuesday, October 4

- 12:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 1:35 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 3:43 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30800 Ecorse)
- 4:53 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9030 Gabriel)
- 5:25 p.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:35 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8230 Wahrman)
- 7:37 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 7:51 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 6960 Niagara)

Wednesday, October 5

- 10:16 a.m. – Threats (block of 39100 Tyler)
- 12:51 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 32800 I-94 W.)
- 2:45 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28800 Burning Tree Plc.)
- 2:58 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 37300 Wick)
- 4:18 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 36400 Goddard)
- 5:08 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 6:20 p.m. – UDAA (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 8:07 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7970 Silo Dr.)
- 8:36 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 33400 Eureka)
- 8:39 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 13000 Middlebelt)
- 9:54 p.m. – Threats (block of 38900 Tempe)
- 10:16 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)

- 11:44 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 31200 Ecorse)

Thursday, October 6

- 1:09 a.m. – Fight (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 1:16 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 10100 Diane)
- 8:59 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 10:45 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:16 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15800 Colbert)
- 12:01 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 1:46 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:54 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6350 Middlebelt)
- 3:25 p.m. – Threats (block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 3:26 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 15600 Isabelle)
- 4:11 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 5:28 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 6:26 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35900 Herman)
- 7:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 7:45 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 38700 Cody)
- 8:38 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 10000 Diane)
- 8:44 p.m. – Threats (block of 38000 Clydesdale Ct.)
- 9:35 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 11:18 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 9520 Essex)

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Friday, October 7

- 12:38 a.m. – Pursuit (block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 2:48 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 5:10 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 38500 Tyler)
- 5:17 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 6320 Cordell)
- 6:52 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9460 Biddle)
- 11:11 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15700 Meadow)
- 12:40 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6700 Washington)
- 1:00 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5880 Metro)
- 3:22 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 4:03 p.m. – Ordinance Violation (block of 29000 Pennsylvania)
- 4:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6400 Merriman)
- 6:07 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6700 Washington)
- 6:14 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 32100 Newcastle)
- 6:23 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 9:12 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9310 Chamberlain)
- 9:33 p.m. – JC/R (block of 7890 Surrey Dr.)

Saturday, October 8

- 12:35 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 6090 Dexter)
- 1:02 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9550 Middlebelt)
- 2:33 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 29300 Airport Dr.)
- 4:33 a.m. – OUIL (block of 8230 Cogswell)
- 10:12 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6960 Niagara)
- 12:03 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 2:16 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:05 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 4:07 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 5:30 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 6:20 p.m. – Overdose (block of 13300 Hannan)
- 7:28 p.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 31400 Pennsylvania) □

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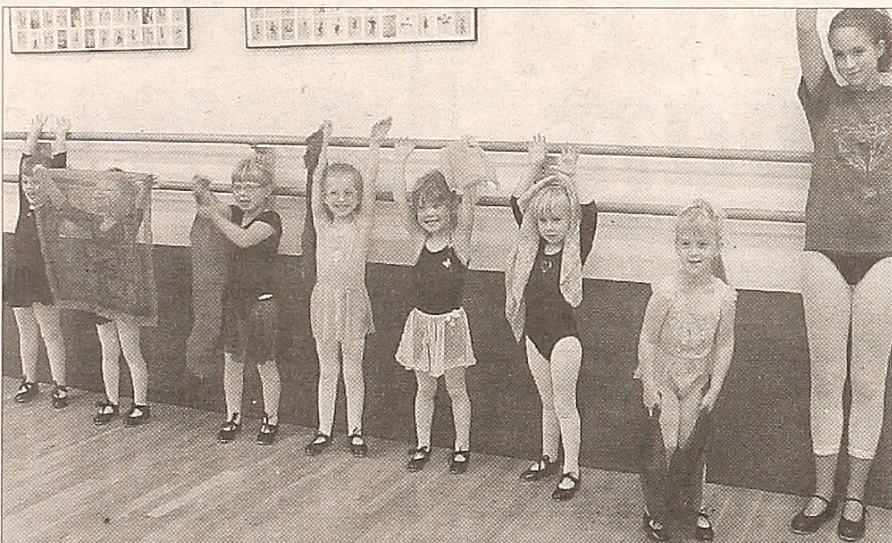
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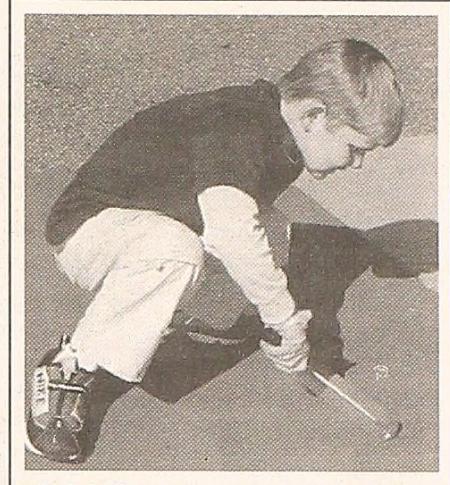
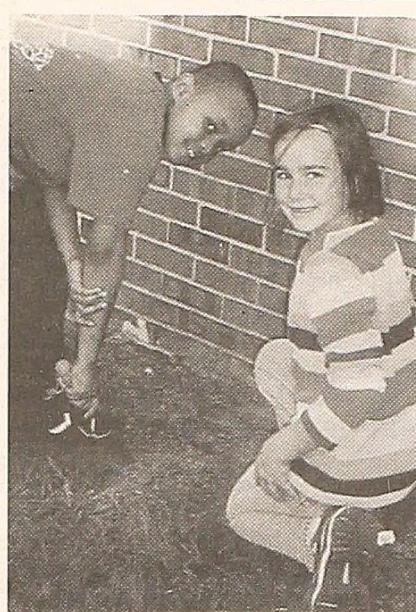
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A recent school beautification/fundraiser at Cory Elementary helped students learn the importance and value of community service. The Serve-a-Thon – held on Saturday, October 7 – brought students, parents, and staff members together to plant fall bulbs around the building, paint lines on the track and basketball courts, and do a general cleanup of the grounds. Students also sought pledges from relatives and friends who "sponsored" them to raise money for additional volunteer efforts.

Cory's Serve-a-Thon was part of the Romulus Community Schools' participation in The LEAGUE – a new community-service program that pits school against school and district against district in a competitive atmosphere similar to that of a sports league. Students earn one point for their school for each dollar that they raise, and five points for each hour that they volunteer. Point rankings are posted at www.leaguelworldwide.org, the program's Web site, after each event.



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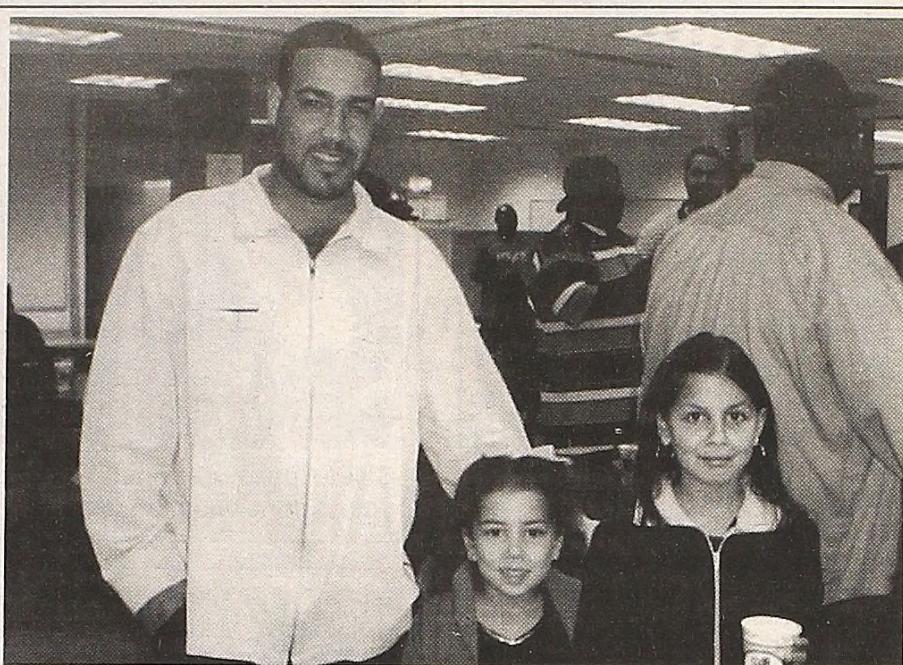
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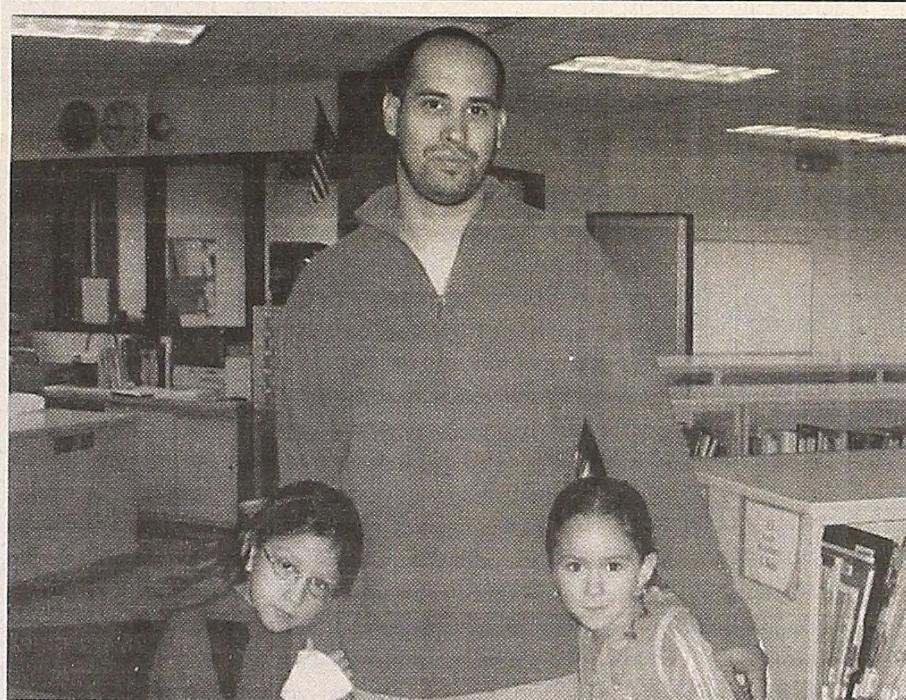
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Among those who attended the recent "Donuts for Dads" program at Wick Elementary were (from left) Mohamed Al-Rubaiai, Maria Holmun, and Marissa Holmun.



Others who took part in the popular event included (from left) Kilee Millwood, Kerry Reyna, and Kyra Millwood.

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"Comprehensive School Reform" Grant Produces Excellent Results for District



CSR grant coordinators Barb Knight (left), Molly McGlynn (second from right), and Dawn Sims (right) made an outstanding presentation to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education during a recent meeting. Also pictured are Merriman Elementary principal Shellie Moore and Romulus Middle School teacher Betty Santo, who assisted the CSR coordinators with their presentations.

During a recent meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, Board members heard presentations about the effectiveness of the district's Comprehensive School Reform program (CSR) given by three of its coordinators.

"CSR grants help to bring technology into the classroom, and help teachers find ways to use it to enhance their students' achievement," explained district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "Individual schools within the district have been receiving CSR monies since 2002."

CSR coordinator Barb Knight told the Board: "Romulus schools have received more than 15,000 hours of professional development and over \$2.16 million in total funds from the CSR

grants." These grants, she added, have also stressed data analysis and individual development plans for both teachers and students.

According to spokesperson Kruse, the CSR grants were closely coordinated with the district's Compass Learning System Integrated Learning System. The ILS enables students to work at independent levels and improve at their own pace, step by step.

"If a student misses a question in math, for example, he/she goes through a process known as 'branching,'" said Kruse. "This enables him/her to try several new, easier problems before again attempting one at the level that he/she previously missed."

CSR coordinator Dawn Sims noted, "A special server allows teachers to monitor each student's progress. If the teacher notices that several students are having difficulties with the same type of problem, he/she can 'freeze' all student screens and give instructive explanations on individual student computers or on a large, drop-down screen."

And CSR coordinator Molly McGlynn explained, "Another way that teachers can use technology to improve instruction is by examining student results on standardized tests such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and on local pre- and post-class tests. Teachers can see the percentage of incorrect answers to questions and design lessons that will help future student performance."

RCS Curriculum Department director Tom Dolan noted that Compass Learning was very impressed by the improvement shown by students in several of our schools.

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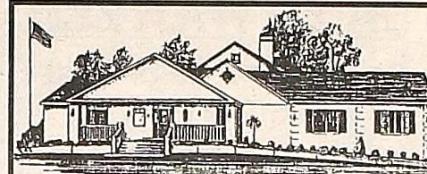
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Community Calendar

- Spooktacular!** – The second annual Spooktacular will be held on Friday, October 20, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (located at 10871 Quirk Road, near I-94 exit 190, in Belleville). The event will feature fun for all ages: a haunted barn, haunted hayrides, a petting zoo, pony rides, a car show, scary movies, contests, and more. For information, call 734-697-7002.
- Fall Flea Market** – The Ladies Aid group at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston) is hosting a Fall Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 26–28. Proceeds go to church-related charities.
- Fund-raiser Benefits Cancer Patient** – A hot-dog dinner to be held at New Boston's American Legion Hall (37060 Huron River Drive) on Sunday, October 29, will benefit 45-year-old Huron Township resident Bob Randolph, who was diagnosed earlier this year with colorectal cancer. Other highlights of the event will include a bake sale, raffles, and vendor booths selling products by manufacturers like Pampered Chef and Mary Kay. Please give as much as you can. All proceeds will benefit the Randolph family.
- Sauerkraut Supper and Craft Sale** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend its upcoming Sauerkraut Supper and Craft Sale, set for Thursday, November 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12; children under 5 get in free.
- Holiday Arts & Crafts Show** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its eighth annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show in the cafeteria at Belleville High School (501 W. Columbia) on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spaces are still available; call 734-697-7151 for information.
- "Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions are: *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey (November 13), *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11), and *Beneath the Ashes* by Sue Henry (January 8). For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- Post Office Seeks Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers** – New Romulus Postmaster Karen Hicks and her staff at the Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) are inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since hospitals like Walter Reed Army Medical Center don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, the soldiers must call their family members and friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be purchased at the post office (\$10 for 100 minutes, \$20 for \$250 minutes, or \$30 for 450 minutes) or elsewhere. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more information, call 734-941-3439.
- Romulus Head Start Still Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is still accepting registrations for the 2006–2007 school year. To register his/her child (age 3 or 4 as of December 1, 2006), a parent/guardian must provide the following information: parent's driver's license/State ID, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, the child's birth certificate and immunization records, the child's health insurance card, the name and phone number of the child's doctor and dentist, and family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.). Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For more information, call 734-532-1903.
- Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery, a nonprofit organization located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston), is accepting applications for children 18 months to 4 years. To register your child, call Shelly at 734-992-2036.

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Obituaries

Colleen Fitzwilliams

Colleen Fitzwilliams of Trenton, Michigan, passed away on Friday, October 13, 2006, at the age of 63.

Colleen was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, on Tuesday, December 1, 1942. The graduate of Romulus High School (Romulus, MI) was a devoted fan of Detroit Tigers baseball, and also enjoyed visiting casinos, playing poker, and (since her retirement) visiting the Mesa and Phoenix, Arizona areas.

Surviving Colleen are 6 sisters, Delores (Dick) Czach (Fenton, MI), Vera "Pat" Pollard (Romulus), Mickey Durham (Romulus), Patricia (Steve) Lake (Palisade, CA), Margie (Don) Twitchell (Rondona West, FL), and Lorraine (Albert)

Lok (Battle Creek, MI); 4 brothers, Al (Trenton, MI), Jerry (Deshler, OH), Leslie (Belleville, MI), and Mike Fitzwilliams (Las Vegas, NV); 20 nephews and nieces; and 20 great-nephews and -nieces.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Howard and Berthabelle (Edwards) Fitzwilliams.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 16, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Mark Raitz (chaplain, Arbor Hospice) officiating. Cremations rites were accorded.

Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice would be greatly appreciated by the Fitzwilliams family.

Carolyn Johanson

Carolyn Johanson of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at the age of 71.

The daughter of Gordon and Edna (Dewitt) Blodgett was born in Frankfort, Michigan, on Wednesday, August 14, 1935.

Carolyn had been a resident of Belleville for more than 30 years. She was a member of The Lord's House Missionary Baptist Church, and a previous member of the Romulus Wesleyan Church, where she taught Sunday school for over 13 years. Affectionately known as "Grandma Carol," she was a loving guardian angel to everyone.

Surviving Carolyn are her loving husband, Helge Johanson (whom she married on September 20, 1998); her children, Jerome (Lenora) Perry (Taylor, MI), Dale Perry (FL), Jeffrey (Linda) Perry (Milan, MI), Susan (Randy) Fort

(CA), Bradley (Sharon) Wood (Manchester, MI), and Robert (Jennifer) Wood (Westland, MI); her grandchildren, James Perry, Deborah (Rodney) Leigh, Christian Wood, Nathan Wood, and Tyler Wood; and her great-grandchildren, Katelyn Leigh, Jorden Leigh, Zachary Leigh, and Jacob Leigh.

Additional survivors include Pat Lawrence, her lifetime valued friend, and Tony Lawrence, her best buddy.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her father, her son James, and her sister Pat.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home (Belleville).

Memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan (2090 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103) would be greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth W. Mack

Elizabeth W. Mack of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at the age of 90.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Thursday, December 30, 1915.

Elizabeth resided at the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building (Romulus, MI) for 25 years before moving to Sioux Falls last January. She had been an active participant in programs at the Romulus Senior Center.

Surviving Elizabeth are a son, Andrew (Carol) Mack (Sioux Falls); 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, George W. Mack; her parents, Aloysius and Mary (Kozlowski) Korzeniowski; a sister, Josephine P. Slano; and 3 brothers, Leo, Edward, and Daniel Korzeniowski.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father John Hedges acting as officiant. Interment was at Redford Cemetery (Redford, MI).

Memorial tributes to the Romulus Senior Center would be greatly appreciated by the Mack family. □

Engagements

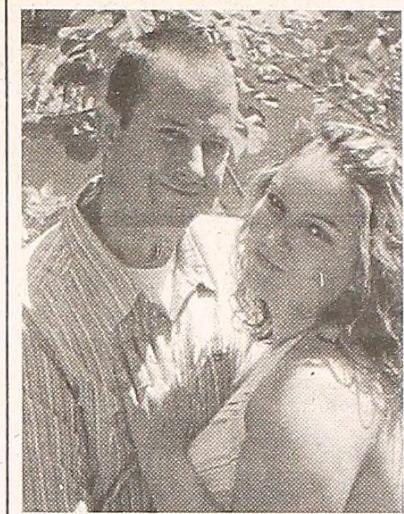
Tracy Coak and Greggory Beck

Marvin J. and Cynthia M. Coak of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, 24-year-old Romulus native Tracy Annette Coak, to US Naval Operations Specialist Greggory Beck of Vista, California.

Upon obtaining permission from the father of the bride-to-be, Greggory proposed during a family gathering on June 3, 2006, via a talking bear: "Tracy, I love you with all my heart. Will you marry me?"

The wedding is planned for September 8, 2007 – a date commemorating the passing of the bride's grandfather, Earl Hartman of Maybee, Michigan. Flying in for the ceremony, which will be held at Crystal Gardens (Southfield, MI), will be the groom's parents, Richard Beck and Julie Beck of Vista, along with several other excited out-of-town family members.

Tracy will be attended by her matrons of honor, Candice Lee (Coak) McCluskey and Ginger Marie (Coak)



Greggory and Tracy

McNaughton (both of Romulus). The flower-girl duties will be performed by Melanie Coak, Haleigh Beck, Autumn McClusky, and Hannah Beck.

Standing up with Greggory will be his groomsmen, Karl Shultz (Hollywood, CA) and Anthony J. Coak (Romulus).

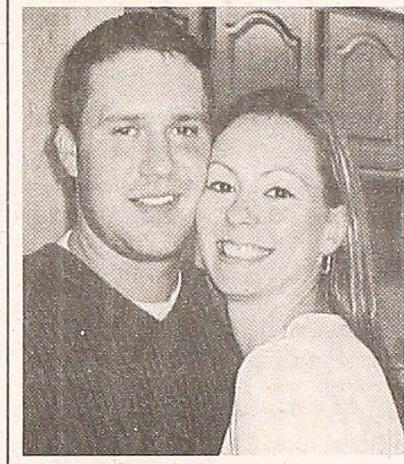
Rachel Perry and Alec Hance

Rick and Cindy Perry of Taylor, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Ann Perry, to Alec Lorne Hance, the son of John and Terri Hance of Romulus, Michigan, and Don and Krystal Dougherty of Melvindale, Michigan.

The couple – who became engaged on September 13, 2006 – have not yet set a date for the wedding.

The bride will be attended by her maid of honor, Jody Bentley of Flat Rock, Michigan.

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